

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Thornton Community Center Reconstruction Project in fiscal year 2024.

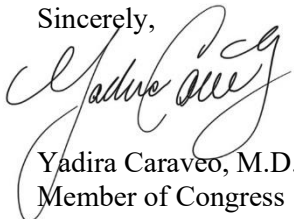
The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Thornton, located at 9500 Civic Center Drive, Thornton, CO 80229. The funding would be used to help with the reconstruction of the Thornton Community Center, which will include an attached 8,000 sq. ft. library will bring the facility into the 21st Century with amenities that were requested by community members, and those that will bring the community together in line with the City and Department goals of community building and equity of access.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because once completed, this facility will be an attractive, activated community space that will help residents improve their emotional, physical, and social wellbeing this facility is in a Community Development Block Grant area, where over 70% of the youth are in the free and reduced lunch program, and community with per capita income around \$20,000 less than the rest of the City of Thornton. The facility will serve as a safe haven for local adolescents, particularly those who live in single parent or two parent working households. This project will allow for an accessible, inclusive, and state of the art community-based facility. The project, in addition to the co-located library, will have dedicated space for an expanded gymnasium, an improved dance room, pre-school, restrooms, fitness center, rental rooms, lobby, teen center, makers space (arts, crafts, hobbies), and more.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Yadira Caraveo, M.D.
Member of Congress